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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/605,853	Applicant(s) LIN, TSUNG-TE	
	Examiner Vicky A. Johnson	Art Unit 3682	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Deeg et al (DE 3739272).

Deeg et al disclose an adjusting device provided on a transmission belt to adjust the tension of the transmission belt, the device comprising: a housing (7); a fastener (8) fixed on the housing (see Fig 1), the fastener engaging the transmission belt so that there is no relative displacement between the fastener and the transmission belt (see Fig 1); a sliding mechanism (9) disposed on the housing and capable of sliding in a linear direction on the housing (see Fig 1), the sliding mechanism engaging the transmission belt so that there is no relative displacement between the sliding mechanism and the transmission belt (see Fig 1); and an elastic device (11) fixed to the housing at a first end and fixed to the sliding mechanism at a second end for maintaining proper tension in the transmission belt (abstract).

Re claim 2, a sliding track is disposed on a surface of the housing, and the sliding mechanism is capable of sliding along the sliding track (see Fig 1).

Re claim 3, a path of the sliding track is parallel with a linear direction in which the transmission belt moves (see Fig 1).

Re claim 4, the elastic device is a helical spring (see Fig 1).

Re claim 5, the first end of the elastic device is fixed to a retaining post disposed on the housing (see Fig 1).

Re claim 6, the elastic device urges the sliding mechanism towards the retaining post for maintaining proper tension in the transmission belt (see Fig 1).

Re claim 8 the transmission belt is a timing belt (see Fig 1).

Response to Arguments

Some further comments regarding the applicant's remarks are deemed appropriate.

The applicant argues that the Deeg et al reference fails to meet the limitations of the claims because the reference fails to disclose a sliding mechanism on the housing, which slides in a linear direction on the housing. Figure 1 shows that the sliding mechanism 9 of the Deeg et al reference is on the housing 7 slides back and forth on the housing and engages the transmission belt 19, and therefore meets the limitations of the claims.

It is also argued that the Deeg et al reference fails to meet the limitations of the claims because the reference fails to disclose the elastic device fixed to the sliding mechanism at a second end. Figure 1 shows the elastic device is fixed to the housing 7, the housing 7 is integral with the sliding mechanism 9, and therefore meets the limitations of the claims.

The applicant's remarks have been accorded due consideration, however, they are not deemed fully persuasive.

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vicky A. Johnson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7106. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:00a-3:30p).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Ridley can be reached on (571) 272-6217. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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